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	Examiner	Art Unit	2812

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-55 and 70-81 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-15, 17-34, 36-54 and 70-81 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 16, 35, 52 and 55 is/are objected to. *AC*
- 8) Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

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Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date ____.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

Claim 38 is objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 38 depends on itself. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-15, 17-34, 36-54 and 70-81 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Hsu et al (US 6,506,643).

The present claims generally require a ferroelectric circuit memory comprising a three dimensional capacitor laminate which comprises a bottom electrode, a ferroelectric film and a top electrode, wherein the 3D shape has substantially directional components in three mutually orthogonal planes.

Hsu et al disclose a method for forming a damascene FERAM cell structure which comprises a ferroelectric structure. See the Abstract. Hsu et al disclose a ferroelectric capacitor which comprises a bottom electrode, a ferroelectric film over the

bottom electrode and a top electrode. See column 2, lines 40-60. The 3-D shape has substantially directional components in three mutually orthogonal angles. See Figures 1-3. The ferroelectric material is made from superlattice components which comprise niobium and tantalum as required by the afore mentioned claims. See column 4, lines 1-10. Moreover, Hsu et al disclose thicknesses of the electrode layers and ferroelectric film as required by the aforementioned claims. See column 4, lines 55-65. Furthermore, the capacitance area is greater than the capacitor footprint area as required by some of the present claims. See Figure 3, Therefore, Hsu et al anticipate the aforementioned Claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 16, 35-and 55 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: The cited prior art does not disclose the hydrogen barrier layer comprising strontium tantalite as required by the present claims.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexander G. Ghyka whose telephone number is (571)

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272-1669. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday during general business hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael Lebentritt can be reached on (571) 272-1873. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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